

Little Folded Hands



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PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

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DEAR CHILDREN:

God loves little children. He loves to have them pray to Him. Jesus once said: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." You come to Jesus when you speak to Him and with Him in prayer. Remember, too, that He hears all you say, and answers your prayers. How gladly, then, you ought to call upon Him at all times, in the morning, when you arise, in the evening, when you go to sleep,

at table, and in all your joys and sorrows.

"God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may, with all boldness and confidence, ask Him as dear children ask their dear father." (Luther.)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



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1. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
6. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.





I. MORNING PRAYERS.

The morning bright
With rosy light
Has waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own
Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day,
I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive,
And let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side. Amen.



O help me, Lord, this day to be
Thy own dear child, and follow Thee;
And lead me, Savior, by Thy hand,
Until I reach the Heavenly Land. Amen.



Watch over me this day, I pray,
 Blest Savior from above;
 That from Thy ways I do not stray,
 Give me Thy gracious love. Amen.



Now I awake and see the light;
 Lord, Thou hast kept me through the night.
 To Thee I lift my voice and pray,
 That Thou wilt keep me through the day.
 If I should die before 'tis done,
 O God, accept me through Thy Son! Amen.



Jesus, Lord, to Thee I pray;
 Guide and guard me through this day.
 As the shepherd tends his sheep,
 Lord, me safe from evil keep.
 Keep my feet from every snare,
 Keep me with Thy watchful care.
 All my little wants supply,
 If I live, or if I die.
 And when life, O Lord, is past,
 Take me to Thyself at last. Amen.



I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Now I raise me up from sleep,
I thank the Lord who did me keep,
All through the night; and to Him pray
That He may keep me through the day.
All which for Jesus' sake, I say. Amen.

Father in heaven, I thank Thee that Thou
didst keep me through the night from all danger.
Help me this day to be good and obedient, for
Jesus' sake. Amen.



O Blessed Lord, protect Thou me
And my dear parents graciously;
With Thy strong arm be ever near
To brothers and to sisters dear.

And all our loved ones in the land
Protect them with Thine own right hand;
From sin defend and keep me free,
Help me a Christlike child to be. Amen.



I thank Thee, Lord, for sleep and rest,
For all the things that I love best.
Now guide me through another day,
And bless my work and bless my play;
Lord, make me strong for noble ends,
Protect and bless my loving friends;
Of all mankind good Christians make, —
All this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.





In the early morning,
With the sun's first rays,
All God's little children
Thank, and pray, and praise.

I, too, thanks would offer,
Jesus, Shepherd, dear,
For Thy tender pasture,
For Thy guiding care.

And I would implore Thee,
Be with me this day,
Lest I from Thee wander,
Into danger stray. Amen.

My Father, for another night
Of quiet sleep and rest,
For all the joys of morning light,
Thy holy Name be blest. Amen.



Now with the new-born day I give
Myself anew to Thee,
That as Thou wilt I may live,
And what Thou wilt, be. Amen.



Lord, for the mercies of this night
My humble thanks I pay,
And unto Thee I give myself
To-day and every day. Amen.



Whathe'er I do, things great or small,
Whate'er I speak or frame,
Thy glory may I seek in all,
Do all in Jesus' Name.

My Father, for His sake I pray,
Thy child accept and bless;
And lead me by Thy grace to-day
In paths of righteousness. Amen.







II. EVENING PRAYERS.

Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to take;
And this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.



Dear Father in Heaven,
Look down from above;
Bless papa and mamma,
And those whom I love.

May angels guard over
My slumbers, and, when
The morning is breaking,
Awake me. Amen.



Now the light has gone away;
Savior, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep,
And to send me quiet sleep.

Jesus, Savior, wash away
All that has been wrong to-day;
Help me every day to be
Good and gentle, more like Thee.

Let my near and dear ones be
Always near and dear to Thee.
O bring me and all I love
To Thy happy Home above! Amen.





Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me:
Bless Thy little child to-night;
Through the darkness be Thou near me;
Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day Thy hand has led me,
And I thank Thee for Thy care;
Thou hast warmed me, clothed me, fed me;
Listen to my evening prayer!

May my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take me, Lord, at last to heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell. Amen.

The day is past and over,
 All thanks, O Lord, to Thee!
 O Jesus, keep me in Thy sight,
 And save me through the coming night. Amen.



The day is done;
 O God the Son,
 Look down upon
 Thy little one!

O Light of Light,
 Keep me this night,
 And shed round me
 Thy presence bright.

I need not fear
 If Thou art near;
 'Thou art my Savior
 Kind and dear. Amen.



Almighty God, Heavenly Father, I thank
 Thee that Thou didst keep me from all danger
 this day. I pray Thee to watch over me this
 night and let Thy blessing rest on me and on
 all, for Jesus' sake. Amen.





Watch o'er a little child to-night,
Blest Savior from above,
And keep me till the morning light
Within Thine arms of love. Amen.

Lord, send me sleep that I may live;
The wrongs I've done this day forgive;
Bless every deed and thought and word
I've rightly done, or said, or heard.
Bless relatives and friends alway;
Teach all the world to watch and pray.
My thanks for all my blessings take,
And hear my prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.



At the close of every day,
 Lord to Thee I kneel and pray.
 Look upon Thy little child,
 Look in love and mercy mild.
 O forgive and wash away
 All my naughtiness this day;
 And both when I sleep and wake
 Bless me for my Savior's sake. Amen.



O Lord God, I pray Thee, for Christ's
 sake, forgive me whatsoever I have done amiss
 this day, and keep me safe all the night while
 I am asleep. Amen.



I fall asleep in Jesus' wounds,
 There pardon for my sins abounds;
 Yea, Jesus' blood and righteousness
 My jewels are, my glorious dress,
 Wherein before my God I stand,
 When I shall reach the heavenly land. Amen.



Jesus, unto Thee I pray;
 Thou hast guarded me all day.
 Safe I am while in Thy sight,
 Safely let me sleep to-night.

Bless my friends, the whole world bless,
 Grant unto them peace and rest;
 Keep me ever in Thy sight,
 So to all I say good night. Amen.



I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father, through
 Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast
 graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee
 that Thou wouldst forgive me all my sins where
 I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this
 night. For into Thy hands I commend myself,
 my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy
 holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may
 have no power over me. Amen.





III. TABLE PRAYERS.

BEFORE MEALS.

Abba, Jesus! Amen.

Abba, Father, bless my food! Amen.

Bless this food, O God! Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest,
And let Thy gifts to us be blest. Amen.

Heavenly Father, bless this food
To Thy glory and our good. Amen.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and
these Thy gifts which we receive from Thy
bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

O Bread of Life, from day to day
Be Thou our Comfort, Food, and Stay! Amen.



BE PRESENT AT OUR TABLE, LORD!

Be present at our table, Lord!
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee. Amen.

Great God, Thou Giver of all good,
Accept our praise and bless our food.
Grace, health, and strength to us afford,
Through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord,
and Thou givest them their meat in due season;
Thou openest Thy hands and satisfiest the desire
of every living thing. Amen.



Grant us Thy grace, O Lord, that whether
we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, we may
do it all in Thy Name and to Thy glory! Amen.



Almighty Father, the food before us is Thy
gift. May we receive it with thanksgiving, for
Jesus' sake. Amen.





AFTER MEALS.

Thanks, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Thanks be unto Thee, O God! Amen.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
Amen.

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all Thy
benefits, who livest and reignest forever and
ever. Amen.

O Lord, we thank Thee for our daily bread.
May it strengthen and refresh our bodies! And
we pray Thee, nourish our souls with Thy
heavenly grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy Name;

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits. Amen.

Heavenly Father, accept our thanks for this and for all Thy blessings, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our God we thank
For meat and drink
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, who givest unto all their food, make us thankful, and provide for all the needy, now and evermore. Amen.



IV. SICKNESS.

Tender Jesus, meek and mild,
Look on me, a little child;
Help me, if it is Thy will,
To recover from all ill. Amen.

Lord, help me! Amen.

Jesus, Redeemer, have mercy upon me. Amen.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty.
Help me, O my God! Amen.

Heavenly Father, it hath pleased Thee to visit me with sickness. I know that Thou art too kind and good to send me anything but for my blessing. Help me to bear my illness, and grant that I may soon recover, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.



Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring:
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing! Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, my best Physician, I come
to Thee in this my sickness. I pray Thee to
look upon me in tender mercy. Send Thy guar-
dian angel to watch over me and soon make me
well. Amen.



Lord, gracious God, I cry to Thee,
Still bless me with Thy favor,
Forgive my sins and let me live,
Thy child remain forever.
Thou hast redeemed me with Thy blood,
Thou art my only Trust and God
In every need, my Savior! Amen.



Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee! Amen!



O Thou, from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my heart to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear Lord, remember me! Amen.



Lord Jesus, look down from heaven upon
my mamma [papa] and soon make her [him] well
again. Thou canst do all things; hear my
prayer! Amen.





V. BIRTHDAY.

Jesus! be our Guide
As through life we glide;
Faithfully in our behavior
May we follow Thee, dear Savior!
Lead us by Thy hand
Through to Fatherland! Amen.

As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own;
Knows he's neither strong nor wise,
Fears to stir a step alone —
Let me thus with Thee abide
As my Father, Guard and Guide! Amen.

Holy Jesus! everyday
 Keep hus in the narrow way,
 And, when earthly thing are past,
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds Thy glory hide. Amen.



Faithful Shepherd, feed me
 In the pastures green;
 Faithful Shepherd, lead me
 Where Thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
 In the narrow way;
 So with Thee beside me,
 I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
 To the heavenly shore;
 May my faith grow clearer,
 May I love Thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
 Every gift and pain;
 Be Thyself my Treasure,
 Though none else I gain. Amen.



O COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD.

We thank Thee, Heav'nly Father,
For ev'ry earthly good,
For life, and health, and clothing,
And for our daily food.

O give us hearts to thank Thee,
For ev'ry blessing sent,
And whatsoe'er Thou sendest
Make us therewith content. Amen.

Holy Jesus, be my Light,
Shine upon my way;
Through this tempting, changing life,
Lead me day by day! Amen.



Lord, be Thou my constant Guide,
Lead me all the way,
Till I reach Thy home at last,
Nevermore to stray. Amen.



O God, Thou faithful God,
Thou Fount that ever flowest,
Without whom nothing is,
Who all good gifts bestowest:
A pure and healthy frame
O give me, and within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unhurt by sin. Amen.





VI. FOR SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Direct me now, O gracious Lord,
To hear aright Thy holy Word;
Assist Thy minister to preach,
And let Thy Holy spirit teach;
And let eternal life be found
By all who hear the joyful sound. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, to us attend,
Thy Holy Spirit to us send! Amen.

Lord, open Thou my heart to hear,
And by Thy Word to me draw near,
Let me Thy Word still pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.

On what has now been sown,
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The power is Thine alone
To make it spring and grow. Amen.



Lord, teach us how to keep Thy day,
And lead and bless us all the way! Amen.

Blessed Lord, let Thy blessing go with me
to-day, and grant that I may be obedient to my
teachers, and may learn with pleasure whatever
I be taught, to Thy great honor and glory.
Amen.

O most gracious God, let me never forget
the many good things that I have heard this
day; but let them abide in my heart, so as to
amend my life, that I may be able to give a
good account of them to Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Savior, when He comes to judge the world
at the last day, for whose sake I ask all bless-
ings, and to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.



Lord Jesus, who dost love me,
O spread Thy wings above me,
And shield me from alarm!
Though Satan would devour me,
Let angel-guards sing o'er me:
"This child of God shall meet no harm." Amen.

O give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy Word,
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all. Amen.

Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford. Amen.



My God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own,
That I may see Thy glorious face,
And worship at Thy throne.

Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given;
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven. Amen.



Dismiss us with Thy blessing, Lord;
Help us to feed upon Thy Word;
All that has been amiss, forgive,
And let Thy truth within us live. Amen.





VII. CHRISTMAS.

Precious Babe of Bethlehem!
Gift of love to sinful men,
Thou, our Savior, Lord and King, —
May we all Thy praises sing! Amen.

Ah! dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.



Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given. Amen.



O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us!
Grant us now a glad New Year;
Amen, Jesus, hear us! Amen.



O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us to-day. Amen.



O welcome, little Christmas Guest,
Dear Jesus, from above;
Upon Thy face so pure and mild
We see God's smile of love. Amen.



VIII. GENERAL PRAYERS.

Lamb of God, I look to Thee;
Thou shalt my example be;
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild,
Thou wast once a little child.

Fain I would be as Thou art:
Give me Thy obedient heart.
Thou art pitiful and kind:
Let me have Thy loving mind.

Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
In Thy gracious hands I am;
Make me, Savior, what Thou art,
Live Thyself within my heart.

I shall then show forth Thy praise,
Serve Thee all my happy days;
Then the world shall always see
Christ, the holy Child, in me. Amen.

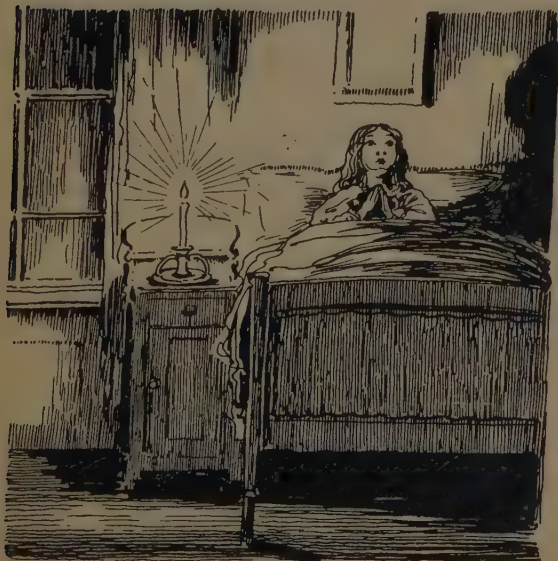




Come, dearest Savior, take my heart,
And let me ne'er from Thee depart. Amen.

Jesus, tender Savior,
Thou hast died for me;
Make me very thankful
In my heart to Thee.
When the sad, sad story
Of Thy grief I read,
Make me very sorry
For my sins indeed.

Now I know Thou livest,
And dost plead for me;
Make me very thankful
In my prayers to Thee.
Soon I hope in glory
At Thy side to stand;
Make me fit to meet Thee
In that happy land! Amen.





The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son,
Cleanse our hearts from every sin. Amen.

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Jesus, help my eyes to see
All the good Thou sendest me!
Jesus, help my ears to hear
Calls for help from far and near!
Jesus, help my feet to go
In the way that Thou wilt show!
Jesus, help my hands to do
All things loving, kind, and true!
Jesus, may I helpful be,
Growing every day like Thee. Amen.

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Be near me, Lord Jesus!
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there. Amen.

God bless me and make me kind and good;
bless father and mother, brothers and sisters,
pastor and teacher, and everybody. Amen.



Holy Spirit! give us
Each a lowly mind;
Make us more like Jesus,
Gentle, pure, and kind.

Holy Spirit! brighten
Little deeds of toil;
And our playful pastimes
Let no folly spoil.

Holy Spirit! help us
Daily by Thy might.
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right. Amen.



Jesus, from Thy throne on high,
Far above the bright blue sky,
Look on us with loving eye;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

Be Thou with us every day,
In our work and in our play,
When we learn and when we pray;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

May we grow from day to day,
Glad to learn each holy way,
Ever ready to obey;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

May we ever try to be
From our sinful tempers free,
Pure and gentle, Lord, like Thee;
Hear us, Holy Jesus!

Jesus, Son of God most high,
Who didst in the manger lie,
Who upon the cross didst die;
Hear us, Holy Jesus! Amen.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.







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